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APPARATUS FOR
SIMULATING A
BIOLOGICAL HEAP
LEACHING PROCESS

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Response To Final Rejection

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In response to the Final Rejection mailed February 9, 2009, please reconsider the claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.